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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAQ Project Selection Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: October 17, 2013

Re: CMAQ process review

As part of its FY 14 staff work plan, CMAP is reviewing how it carries out the staff functions associated with the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program.¹ A periodic review like this is important to look for ways to improve how CMAP serves the region and to achieve as much as possible with the CMAQ funding. Similar reviews are being carried out for a handful of other program areas at the agency.

Work will include a review of the analytical techniques used to demonstrate project benefits and examination of a wider range of criteria to be considered in staff's recommended program. The review will also touch on program administration, including the focused programming approach, and any changes needed to the project types funded under CMAQ, but this will probably come later in the year. Feedback on specific issues from individual committee members and project implementers will be helpful, so staff will request phone or in-person interviews.

We anticipate bringing our findings and any resulting recommendations to the Project Selection Committee and to the CMAP working committees for discussion starting in early 2014.

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¹ See the FY 14 work plan under the Performance-Based Programming Core Program.